

India in the Department of Secondary Education & Higher Education on a permanent basis with the following ex-officio members:—

1. Special Secretary/Education Adviser (Technical), Ministry of Human Resource Development (2) Secretary/Additional Secretary, Ministry of Information Technology (3) Additional Secretary, Department of Science & Technology. 4. a representative of Department of Personnel & Training not below the rank of Joint Secretary (5) Joint Secretary (Higher Education) Ministry of Human Resource Development (6) Chairperson/Member Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education (7) Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, University Grants Commission (8) Secretary-General Association of Indian Universities (9) A representative of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (10) A representative of Union Public Service Commission as special invitee and (11) A representative from Education Division of the Planning Commission not below the rank of Joint Secretary to Government of India as special invitee (12) Director (Technical)/DEA(Technical)/DS Ministry of Human Resource Development as Member Secretary of the High Level Committee.

The Committee will examine the standards of all Educational Qualifications except concerning Health and medical subjects and will advise what recognition if any should be accorded for the purpose of recruitment to the posts under Central Government.

(b) The High Level Committee has constituted a group under the Chairmanship of the Joint Secretary, Department of Secondary Education & Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development to review the overall functioning of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (India), a Mumbai based Institute. The group has been asked to submit its report within 2 months. The High Level Committee would give its report after the group submits its report regarding the said Institute.

Regularising peons in CBSE regional office

2889. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that some peons appointed on daily-wage in the then CBSE Regional Office at Ranchi in June, 1990, are still working in the same capacity.

(b) whether it is a fact that orders were issued from the headquarters of CBSE to the Regional Office, Ranchi to regularise services of these peons.

(c) whether Government have received representations from aggrieved persons in this regard.

(d) if so, why services of peons of that office, which was subsequently transferred to Allahabad, could not be regularised till date, and

(e) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLIMANO HAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The CBSE has received representations in this regard.

(d) and (e) The CBSE has informed that the three persons, who belong to General Category, have been employed as Casual Labour on daily wage basis and not against any substantive post of peon. In the absence of any regular vacancy falling under the unreserved category, the regularisation of the services of these daily wage workers could not be done.

Revoking suspension of deputy director in NV Samiti

2890. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Deputy Directors of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti were caught red handed by CBI while accepting bribe and were placed under suspension soon after but their suspension was revoked two days before their superannuation-date, though the cases registered against them are still pending;

(b) if so, the details of such officers; and

(c) the justification of such step of the Samiti, if any?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) One Deputy Director of NVS Regional Office Jaipur, was allegedly caught red handed by CBI in Sept., 1999 while accepting bribe and was placed under suspension. Subsequently, the CBI had sought permission for his prosecution which was accorded by the Samiti. The suspension of the officer, who was to retire on superannuation on 30.06.2000 was revoked in the evening of 29.06.2000 by Director, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, on humanitarian consideration and since there was no possibility of his